

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Richmond County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 23, 2015 to 11:59 p.m. on January 25, 2016.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Virginia Department of Corrections; 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23225; VA0023469

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Haynesville Correctional Center Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); 650 Barnfield Road, Haynesville, Virginia 22472.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Virginia Department of Corrections has applied for reissuance of a permit for the state-owned Haynesville Correctional Center WWTP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 178,000 gallons per day into a water body. The sludge from the treatment process will be aerobically digested and transported to Southhampton/Deerfield Correctional Center (VPDES Permit No. VA0062499) for disposal. The facility proposes to release treated sewage in an unnamed tributary of Marshy Swamp in Richmond County in the Rappahannock River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: nutrients, organic matter, solids. This facility is subject to the requirements of 9VAC25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Virginia.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brian Wrenn; Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060; Phone: 804-527-5015; E-mail: brian.wrenn@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-527-5106. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the document from the contact person listed above.

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